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CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION COMPARED WITH 5 YEARS AGO

	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2023	May 2023	Jun 2023	Jul 2023	Aug 2023	Sep 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan 2024
BETTER OFF	54%	54%	49%	50%	51%	50%	57%	55%	53%	48%	50%	49%	52%
SAME	11	10	11	9	9	9	8	7	8	9	10	10	9
WORSE OFF	35	35	40	40	39	41	35	37	38	42	40	40	38
DK, NA	*	1	*	1	1	*	*	1	1	1	*	1	1
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
CASES	600	602	603	601	605	600	601	604	603	605	600	600	601
INDEX SCORE	119	119	109	110	112	109	122	118	115	106	110	109	114

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THREE MONTH MOVING AVERAGES**

All	116	117	116	113	110	110	114	116	118	113	110	108	111
Age 18 to 44	141	139	139	137	140	139	143	138	138	134	132	130	129
Age 45 to 64	105	110	106	103	96	98	102	108	115	109	107	100	102
Age 65+	94	96	95	89	85	84	89	95	95	89	85	90	99
Income Bottom Third	91	92	92	93	92	92	92	92	94	94	90	92	91
Income Middle Third	113	113	111	110	105	105	109	113	117	110	113	107	110
Income Top Third	144	147	145	137	134	133	142	145	147	139	132	130	135
Educ High School or Less	89	93	92	92	89	92	95	100	98	97	89	91	88
Educ Some College	111	109	107	105	101	104	103	106	105	101	94	94	101
Educ College Degree	130	132	133	128	126	122	127	127	133	127	128	124	126
Democrat	135	134	139	135	135	134	142	142	143	134	135	135	143
Independent	119	121	114	111	105	107	110	115	115	115	110	111	110
Republican	87	90	90	89	90	85	86	86	93	88	84	79	76

The question was: "Now thinking back 5 years, would you say you (and your family living there) are better off or worse off financially now than you were 5 years ago?"

*: Less than half of one percent. Index Score is the percent favorable minus the percent unfavorable plus 100